

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 4, line 32 to page 5, line 6, as follows:

The A-state or molten globule state of α -lactalbumin has native-like secondary structure (Kronman et al 1965 Biochem, 4, 518-525; Dolgikh et al. Febs Lett, (1981) 136, 311-315 and FEBS Lett, (1984) 165:88-92, Ohgushi & Wada, 1983, A Febs Lett, 164:21-25). Molten globules are formed under acidic conditions and similar states are formed at neutral pH upon removal of the tightly bound ~~Ca²⁺-ion~~ Ca²⁺-ion by ~~EDTA~~ ethylene diamine triacetic acid (EDTA), by reduction of the disulfide bonds, or at elevated temperatures (Pfeil et al., 1987 Biochim Biophys Acta, 911:114-116; Kuwajima 1996 Faseb J. 1:102-109; Schulman et al., 1995 J. Mol. ~~Bol.~~ Biol. 253, 651-657).

Please amend the specification at page 8, lines 31-34, as follows:

Suitably the oleic acid or casein or the active components thereof are eluted through a column containing new unused ion exchange material such as Diethylaminoethanol (DEAE) ~~DEAE~~ Trisacryl. Suitable elution buffers Tris-HCl with a pH of 8.5.

Please insert the following Abstract after the last page of the specification.